



MINUTES OF AGREEMENTS FOR THE V MEETING OF THE EMERGENCIES AND CIVIL PROTECTION SUBCOMMITTEE FOR THE BORDER GOVERNORS CONFERENCE, HELD IN SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA, ON THURSDAY, MAY 1, 2008.

At the 8:30 a.m. May 01, 2008, meeting at the Meeting Room of the Office of Emergency Services of the State of California Headquarters, in the city of Sacramento, California, representatives of the Civil Protection and Emergency Management Units of the Border Governments of Mexico and the United States, as well as representatives of their respective Federal Governments, whose relationship is described herein, held the V Workgroup meeting for the Subcommittee on Emergencies and Civil Protection, under the framework of the XXVI Border Governors Conference.

The session proceeded pursuant to the following Agenda:

1. Welcome Delegates: Henry Renteria, Director, OES
2. Co-Chairs Opening Meeting by Co-Chairs: Lou Trammel and Willebaldo Alatraste Candiani
3. Review of Action Items.
 - 3.1 Action Item No. 1.- To train first responders in the border región in pandemic flu issues in coordination with the Department of Health Services.
 - 3.2 Action Item No. 2.- To develop a Strategic Bi National Emergency Management Five-Year-Plan, to include prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery.
 - 3.3 Action Item No. 3.- To develop a Memorandum of Understanding for mutual aid in the case of emergency response in the ten Border States.
4. Review of the Agreements and Proposals.
 - 4.1 Proposal for this Sub work table to be elevated to a full Work Table.
 - 4.2 Process whereby Co-Chairs for the Work Group are elected.
 - 4.3 Future reunions.
5. Lunch
6. Public Private Partners – California Utilities Emergency Association – Don Boland, Executive Director
7. Participation by the United States Federal Government.
8. Participation by the Mexican Federal Government.
9. General Issues.

1. PARTICIPANTS

MEXICO

For the Federal Government:

Ana Lucia Hill Mayoral. Civil Protection General Director. SEGOB.

For the States:

Baja California.

Alfredo Escobedo Ortiz.



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Chihuahua.
Coahuila.
Nuevo Leon.
Sonora.

Isac Olivas.
Segismundo Doguin Martínez.
Jorge Camacho Rincón.
Willebaldo Alatraste Candiani.

USA

For the Federal Government:

Keith Takata (EPA)
Karen Armes (FEMA)
Malcom Jonhson (US NORTHCOM)
Bárbara Maco (EPA Frontera 2012)
Robert Mackay (US NORTHCOM)
Clair Blong (FEMA)
Nancy Ward (FEMA)
Candice Abinati (FEMA)
Susan Reinart (Department of State)

For the States:

Arizona.	Louis B. Trammell
California.	Henry Renteria, Don Boland and Helen López
Nuevo México.	Tim Manning, Sherry Kamali

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

The Director of the Office of Emergency Services of California, Henry Renteria, welcomed the attendees and suggested self-introductions take place, starting name, position, and agency representing.

He subsequently ceded the floor to Co-Chairs Louis B. Trammell and Willebaldo Alatraste, so that in their position of Co-Chairs of the Sub Work Table discussed background as well as meeting goals.

Review and Agreements of the Action Items.

Lou Trammell gave lecture to the agreements made on the IV Workgroup meeting for the Subcommittee on Emergencies and Civil Protection in the City of Monterrey, Nuevo Leon; Sonora indicating that that most important is to give precise follow-up to the Action Items that will be developed during this year 2008 in course to the XXVI Border Governors Conference to be celebrated in California in the month of August.

ACTION ITEM No. 1.- To train first responders in the border region in pandemic flu issues in coordination with the Health Committee.



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Agreements:

- The States of Coahuila and California remain as coordinators for this Action Item.
- The State of Coahuila informed that during the month of May, there is scheduled the training to the first responders of the border cities and towns with the basic issues of the pandemic flu..
- Ana Lucia Hill suggested that what falls within the ASPAN treaty be revised. She will send it to the members of the Sub Committee as soon as it is available in English and Spanish.
- Henry Renteria added that more courses and training besides Pandemic Flu are available, and that further on in the Agenda a presentation about those courses and training that the Office of Emergency Services of California offers would be made.
- On the other hand, Lou Trammel commented that the State of Arizona also counts with a Pandemic Flu course that can be shared. Also, proposed that with the information available from each State, a short course could be developed and that it can be provided to all the first responders from both countries.
- It was agreed that each State would send, no later than May 15, to the coordinators of this Action Item, their available courses that they have **on Pandemic flu only** so that in the next meeting a single strategy can be proposed that reinforces the knowledge that at the moment are had.

Director Henry Renteria informed that the Office of Emergency Services of California counts with a Specialized Training Institute (CSTI) and asked Curry Mayer, Chief, Training and Exercise Branch, to make a presentation about it, who at the same time handed out a document with the training that at the momento is being offered by the State of California, and emphasized that they have the possibility to design any course program necessary. At the same time, informed that at the moment work is being done with a company to design an informative program on the subject of Pandemic Flu issues.

ACTION ITEM No. 2.- To develop a Strategic Binational Emergency Management Five-Year-Plan, to include prevention, preparedness, response and recovery.

Agreements:

- The States of Sonora and Arizona shall remain as coordinators for this Action Item.
- Lou Trammel shall send no later than May 15 the information on the Strategic Plan where the objectives and long term goals are determined.
- The presentation from the Federal Government about the possibility to have funds to develop this Strategic Plan did not take place. It is postponed for the next meeting.
- Malcolm Johnson, in continuation to his commitment of realizing an inter-institutional search project to identify obsolete equipment or equipment no longer in use due to insurance issues in the US, which might be used in the border region, informed that at this moment, there are 100,000 personal protection suits which are in process of donation to Mexico's Federal Government..

ACTION ITEM No. 3.- To develop a Memorandum of Understanding for mutual aid, in the case of emergency response in the ten Border States.



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Agreements:

- The States of Nuevo Leon and New Mexico shall remain as coordinators of this Action Item.
- Jorge Camacho presented a proposal of the Memorandum written by Nuevo Leon, taking as its bases the information from the bilateral agreement of ASPAN that was provided by Ana Lucia Hill.
- Tim Manning commented that it would be necessary to write a very simple and explicit document that could be the base for it to further convert into an Agreement (Compact) with its respective protocols. At the same time, requested some days to be given for him to present a counterproposal no later than May 15, in case that additional comments exist.
- Willebaldo Alatraste proposed having celerity with this issue and that the 10 States agree on it as soon as possible, being that this MOU shall have to be submitted for approval by the Governors for it to be signed by the 10 Governors on the XXVI Border Governors Conference to be celebrated in California in the month of August.
- At the same time Lou Trammel and Tim Manning committed to converse with the Emergency Services Director of Texas to inform him about the arrangements sustained by this Sub Committee and especially, about the signing of this Memorandum of Understanding.
- It was agreed that for the next meeting of the Sub Committee this document shall already be agreed on and put into consideration to the 10 Governors through their representatives.

DEFINITION OF THE 2008 WORK PLAN AND AGREEMENTS

With regard on the proposal to become a full Committee, Willebaldo Alatraste informed that the Co-Chairs of the Border Security Committee have already been informed, and reiterated the proposal that each of us agree with our respective Governor or Governor's representative on this proposal for it to be approved on the next meeting of the XXVI Border Governors Conference to be celebrated in California in the month of August. Lou Trammel proposed this issue to be included in the Memorandum of Understanding.

In the issue about the procedure on electing the Co-Chairs of this work group, the proposal that on the meeting previous to the XXVI Border Governors Conference in California, the change of Co-Chairs take place and that the turn corresponds to the States of California and Nuevo Leon to take such responsibility for the next period. At the same time, it will be under their coordination when some protocol for the future Co-Chair changes is established.

It was established that the next work meeting take place in the EMI building in Emmitsburg, Maryland, USA on June 23, 2008; and after that we will get together on Wednesday August 13 in Hollywood, California, previous to the XXVI Border Governors Conference Meeting. On the June 23 meeting the State of California will make a presentation about the logistic issues of the Border Governors Conference.



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PRESENTATION BY DON BOLAND, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE "CALIFORNIA UTILITIES EMERGENCY ASSOCIATION"

Mr. Don Boland made a presentation related with the coordination existing between the public sector and the private sector during emergencies, emphasizing on the close relationship that the Office of Emergency Services of California and the California Utilities Emergency Association has.

**PRESENTACIÓN FROM THE UNITED STATES FEDERAL AGENCIES
NORTHCOM**

Malcolm Johnson, of U.S. Northern Command, reiterated the great interest they have to continue working with this Subcommittee of Emergencies and Civil Protection, emphasizing the advance that has been made from this coordination. He informed that they are presently in coordination with SEGOB on the process by which the 100 thousand personal protection suits that were obtained for donation to Mexico will be delivered. He commented that in some storage warehouses, property of the United States Federal Government in Georgia, much equipment exists that could be donated to Mexico, and asked to be informed about the needs that exist to be able to be more efficient in the search of it.

On the other hand, Ana Lucia Hill established the commitment that SEGOB would realize a census on the Mexican States to realize which are their needs, and would let NORTHCOM know about it, so that in the next Work Group meeting there is a report on this issue. At the same time, Willebaldo Alatraste commented that it was important to begin the procedure so that once the equipment is defined, its transportation to Mexico be more agile.

EPA

Barbara Maco commented on the resources available for 2008 to be able to realize a HAZMAT training and qualification to the elements of first response on the border region and that on the month of September, the course "Training the Trainer" could be programmed.

FEMA

Candice Abinanti mentioned that they count with an International Course on Pandemic Flu and would provide it to be included on the training catalog on this issue. At the same time, informed that on June 19 and 20 there would be a reunion of the East and West Emergency Agencies from Canada and United States and she would invite the Co-Chairs of the Work Group to attend and make a presentation about what is being realized on the Mexico-United States border.



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SEGOB

Ana Lucia Hill informed that on the APSPAN reunion the priority of emergencies is the one which presents a greater advance and presently work is being done on updating the Tri-National plans, as a matter of fact a plan for the Continental management of emergencies is being realized.

She presented a document with the proposals that SEGOB made to ASPAN and proposes the incorporation of the results on this Work Group.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Frank McCarton, Chief Deputy Director of the Office of Emergency Services in California, informed that within the framework of the XXVI Border Governors Conference a spectacle will be carried simulating an emergency in which the response teams of California would participate, and that on the next Work Table meeting there would be more information on this matter. The Border States added their initiative and indicated their support towards anything they could contribute for the success of this activity.

At 14:30 hours on the same day, the meeting of the Subcommittee for Emergencies and Civil Protection for the Border Governors Conference was concluded with the adjournment words of Director Henry Renteria.